IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CASE NO. 8:08CR282
Plaintiff,)
VS.)
ADRIAN ALMONTE,) PRELIMINARY ORDER) OF FORFEITURE
Defendant.)

This matter is before the Court on the United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 60). The Court reviews the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

- 1. The Defendant has entered into a Plea Agreement, whereby he has agreed to plead guilty to Counts I, VII and VIII of said Indictment. Count I of said Indictment charges the Defendant with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. Counts VII and VIII of the Indictment charge the Defendant with using \$18,930.00 in United States currency and a 2002 Chevy Monte Carlo, VIN 2G1WX15K629249880 to facilitate the commission of the controlled substance violation, and charges said personal properties are derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the commission of the controlled substance violation.
- 2. By virtue of said plea of guilty, the Defendant forfeits his interest in the subject properties, and the United States should be entitled to possession of said properties, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

IT IS ORDERED:

- A. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 60) is hereby sustained.
- B. Based upon Counts VII and VIII of the Indictment and the Defendant's plea of guilty, the United States is hereby authorized to seize the \$18,930.00 in United States currency and a 2002 Chevy Monte Carlo, VIN 2G1WX15K629249880.
- C. The Defendant's interest in said properties is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).
- D. The aforementioned forfeited properties are to be held by the United States in its secure custody and control.
- E. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the United States forthwith shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official Government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) notice of this Order, Notice of Publication evidencing the United States' intent to dispose of the properties in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject forfeited properties must file a Petition with the court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
- F. Said published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph E., above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's alleged interest in the properties, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title or interest in the subject properties and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

G. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the properties subject to this Order as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

H. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

DATED this 5th day of May, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp United States District Judge